BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY

Regular Meeting July 14, 2015

The regular meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Shelbyville, Indiana, was held in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Tuesday, July 14, 2015, at 8:31 A.M. Mayor DeBaun was absent, on vacation, and Mr. Williams presided.

Mr. Finkel moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on July 6, 2015, and Mr. Williams seconded. The motion was carried on a 2-0 voice vote.

Mr. Finkel moved to approve the claims as presented, and Mr. Williams seconded. The motion was carried on a 2-0 voice vote.

Under old business, Mr. Williams asked Kerry Ann May to come forward to talk about the Ordinance that passed in early June concerning the trap, neuter, and return pilot program (TNR), which is planned to be a one year pilot program for stray cats. Kerry Ann said this came about because Animal Control Director Keith Barrett had expressed concern over the number of stray cats that were being brought to the Shelter. She went over the process of what happens when a stray cat is brought to the Shelter, where it's sent, and returned to its territory after being ear-tipped. This process shows the cat has been spay/neutered, and Animal Outreach of Shelby County returns the cat back to its neighborhood. Mr. Finkel asked Kerry Ann if she could provide a list of communities with successful programs, and she said she would. Mr. Finkel said Kerry Ann's expectations of the Animal Shelter using traps to capture cats will be substantially altered when Keith comes forward to talk. Kerry Ann said her group consists of all volunteers, and it's not feasible or possible to go out and trap for cats. Mr. Williams asked Keith to come forward to speak about the situation. He said a few months ago, the Animal Shelter Commission voted to not have traps or set traps due to several factors. One was because of the time it takes to chase down borrowed traps not returned, and to set traps because it doesn't have the manpower. Another reason was because the Shelter is not licensed to handle wildlife, which consists of half of the animals caught in the traps. Keith said he has no problem fixing and taking care of cats if they're brought to the Shelter. Mr. Williams asked Keith to get with Kerry Ann to see what they can agree on with the documents she's prepared. Mr. Finkel moved to take this under advisement for two weeks, and Mr. Williams seconded. The motion was carried on a 2-0 voice vote.

On the Riley Crest request made several weeks ago by Bob Britton, Mr. Williams said papers have been signed by all parties involved to have them filed with their deeds at the Courthouse. Mr. Finkel moved to approve the agreement, and Mr. Williams seconded. The motion was carried on a 2-0 voice vote. Mr. Finkel wanted to thank City Attorney Trent Meltzer and Street Commissioner Jennifer Jones for their work in getting this taken care of for everyone's safety.

Under new business, Gaye McKenney requested permission for a few lane closures for a community art project. She said she is on the crosswalk art committee, and she said there is an art project slated for later this month, lasting from July 30 through August 2. The location is at Amos Rd. and E. McKay Rd., and she would like one lane closure per day for the quadrant. On September 4, for First Friday, she requested permission to close the west half of the Circle to be closed to parking. She then asked to close the west half of W. Washington St. from the Methodist Building to the alley at the Methodist Church, and the east side of E. Washington St. closed to the DePrez building. This wouldn't start until 6:00 P.M., so cars could have access to getting out to the street for drive thru banking. Gaye also requested permission to close the east half of the Circle, and the east side of E. Washington St. to Pike St. for a First Friday event on December 12. Mr. Finkel pointed out to her that December 12 is on a Saturday. Gaye had a flyer that said December 12. She said it would probably start around 5 and end around 8:30 P.M. As far as the lane closures were concerned, Mr. Finkel said the Police Chief would have to be notified to review the road closure dates and locations, and he asked that the banks be notified of their plans well in advance. Mr. Finkel moved to approve the three dates, with the stipulation that on Friday, September 4, a working relationship will need to be made with the banks that are involved that could be negatively impacted. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion was carried on a 2-0 voice vote.

City Attorney Meltzer said the Board received an appeal from Dean Rush over a fine that was issued by the Building Department. He asked if the Board would set a date for the hearing. Mr. Finkel moved to have the hearing date set for July 28, and Mr. Williams seconded. Under discussion, Mr. Williams asked that Trent or Building Commissioner Dann Bird contact Mr. Rush about the hearing date. The motion was carried on a 2-0 voice vote.

There being no further business, Mr. Finkel moved to adjourn.

~~Thomas D. DeBaun~~
~~Mayor~~
Board Member

ATTEST:

Frank M. Zerr
Clerk-Treasurer